

GEORGE W. BUSH

2001 - 2009



George W. Bush was born in 1946 in New Haven, Connecticut, and grew up in Midland and Houston, Texas. He graduated from Yale, then served in the Texas Air National Guard, flying F-102 fighters. He received a Master's degree from Harvard Business School in 1975.

Laura Welch Bush was born in 1946 in Midland, Texas. She earned a degree in education from Southern Methodist University and taught in public schools in Dallas and Houston, then earned a master of library science degree from the University of Texas. Laura and George Bush were married in 1977.



President George W. Bush was elected Governor of Texas in 1994. In 2001 he was elected President of the United States. During his administration he signed into law tax relief, as well as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. President Bush worked to modernize Medicare and to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors. He supported faith based programs that encourage everyone to help others in need. After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the United States, President Bush took steps he felt were appropriate to protect the United States and other countries which came under attack from the same groups in the years that followed. He invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, engaging in wars that continued throughout his time in office.

During her years as First Lady Laura Bush placed particular emphasis on education, health care and human rights. Drawing on her background as a teacher and librarian, she has served as Honorary Ambassador for the United Nations Literacy Decade, and was an international spokesperson for efforts to educate people throughout the world, especially women and girls. She convened the Summit on Early Childhood Cognitive Development and worked with such programs as Teach for America.

Arizona Timeline

- 2001 - Arizona Diamondbacks win World Series for the first time.
- 2007 - Arizona Senator John McCain announces his bid for the Republican Party presidential nomination.
- 2008 - Football Superbowl is played in the new University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.
- 2008 – Home foreclosure rate in Arizona is fourth in the Nation as the sub-prime lending crisis unfolds across the financial world.